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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Receipt of a copy of the International Search Report and the references cited therein was acknowledged by the USPTO in the NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495. Therefore, copies of these references are not required to be submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed herewith are additional references. Dr. Schöffling's article discloses different milling processes and techniques of pharmaceutical substances in general. In table 4-2 (p. 72), different

kinds of milling and particle sizes are disclosed. Particle sizes of < 1-5  $\mu$ m are obtained by micronization or colloid milling processes.

Mr. Raab's Plegekosmetik article discloses chemical UV filters and that they can be used in mixtures.

Applicant would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention copending application No. 10/067,027.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form.

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